

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the Abstract that is attached at the end of this Preliminary Amendment.

REMARKS:

Claim 1-33 and 35-36 are in the case and presented for consideration.

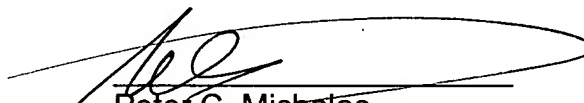
The claims have been amended to eliminate the multiple dependency and to place the claims in better form for U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

If any multiple dependent claims remain, it is respectfully that they be amended to depend from the lowest number claimed referred to in order to calculate the fees.

An Abstract has also been added to the application.

Entry of this amendment and further favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter C. Michalos', is written over a horizontal line.

Peter C. Michalos
Reg. No. 28,643
Attorney for Applicants
(845) 359-7700

Dated: February 28, 2005

NOTARO & MICHALOS P.C.
100 Dutch Hill Road, Suite 110
Orangeburg, New York 10962-2100

Customer No. 21706

/gb